

The Colonial Hills Courier

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2011

President's Message

Wow, participation is the sincerest way to show your support of our Civic Association. Thank-you all for warming the hearts of the community by braving Old Man Winter's cold wind and snow, and participating in the Food Drive, Luminary Assembly, Christmas Party and Luminary Lighting with hot coco and cookies served at the shelter house. It's always a great way to kick off the New Year by continuing traditions (**supporting** and **participating in** the Civic Association) and starting new ones (**being at** the Block Watch Kickoff meeting, Wednesday, January 12th). I look forward to helping keep our community a safe, friendly and thriving place to live by leading our initiative of forming the South East Worthington Neighborhood Network Connection with the Worthington Police Department and other Neighborhood Networks.

Please take the time this New Year to renew or begin your support of our Civic Association **by donating money, your time** chairing, volunteering or participating in events, or **your expertise and experiences** for an article in the Courier.

With any endeavor you choose to accomplish, I wish you and your family a very successful and prosperous New Year!



Food Drive Donation Photo by George Campbell

Rachael Dorothy, 2010-2011 CHCA President

About the Colonial Hills Civic Association

Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday, January 11 th 7:30 pm | Monthly Meeting |
| Wednesday, January 12th 7:00 pm | Block Watch Kick Off with Officer Floyd from the Worthington Police Department |
| Friday, January 21 st 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Winter Movie Night in the Shelter House |
| Tuesday, February 8 th 7:30 pm | Monthly Meeting |
| Friday, February 25 th 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Winter Movie Night in the Shelter House |

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Sitters – Baby and/or Pet!

- **Amy Clevenger**, 419-618-7863, Colonial Hills mom, baby sitter.
- **Rosemary Harris**, 436-6294, newborns 8 wks-24 mo.
- **Casey Gelin**, 885-4701, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Perri MacKenzie**, 846-2415, Red Cross Cert. baby sitter
- **Jesse Lilly**, 352-4515, baby sitter
- **Caroline Smyth**, 785-7064, Red Cross Certified baby sitter.

- **Zach Weinle**, 854-9196, Red Cross Certified baby sitter, also does pet sitting and yard work.
- **Haley Carnahan**, 436-6798, Red Cross Certified babysitter
- **Sophie McCallister**, 436-3653, Red Cross Certified babysitter
- **Ruby Clark**, 296-4315, certified (Girl Scouts), baby sitter

This list also appears on the web site, www.colonialhills.us
To be added or removed from this list please contact Rachael Dorothy rachaeldorothy@gmail.com 406.6391

Can We Do It? – Yes We Can!



Photos by George Campbell-Above: CH Elementary School Students 11/22/2010. Below: While collecting donations, Dan Button also tosses a Courier pack to son Mitchell to drop off.

The Colonial Hills Civic Association Food Drive was run concurrently this year with Food Drives at the elementary school, and several others throughout Worthington. Knowing that the need in our community has been greater this year than most, it was surprising to see overall collections were approximately the same or a bit more over last year's drive. Volunteer turnout was also very good. The **2010 Food Drive Chair, George Campbell** stated, "We knocked that out as efficiently as we ever have - it was a good day and thank you for the help!!"

Approximately 800 lbs of food was donated to the Worthington Food Pantry, 1200 lbs to St. Michael's and each charity received a full box of various toiletries to distribute to patrons. – Thank-you Participants!

2011 Garage Sale Chair Needed

A slightly worn, but still has lot of usefulness Event Chair is needed to help organize the June Neighborhood Garage Sale. The majority of effort involved includes coordinating a map of participants and placing an approved ad in the newspaper. For more information about the requirements, please call or email Rachael Dorothy, rachaeldorothy@gmail.com 406.6391

Trustees Gearing Up for New Season

George Campbell is currently re-upping existing trustees to help deliver approximately 10 Couriers, 2 door hangers and 1 set of Luminary Displays within Colonial Hills. Each trustee is responsible for approximately 10-30 houses in their district. Without their continued support, many residents would not know all the terrific events our Civic Association coordinates. The next Courier will note Current Trustees and Open Districts. Thank-you Current, Past and Future Trustees!





Luminary Kit Assembly and Lighting a Fantastic Delight

Thank You to the
Worthington Square
Kroger Store!



The Colonial Hills Civic Association, Worthington, wishes to express their great appreciation to the Worthington Square Mall Kroger Store, for Kroger's generous gift of 2000 plastic grocery sacks donated on December 6, 2009. This generous donation completed our necessary supplies on December 12, 2009 and again on December 11, 2010, for our luminary kit assembly event, in which we assembled over 800 luminary kits for the homes in our neighborhood!

Our Luminary Display at 7:00 P.M. on the Sunday before Christmas, is an annual Colonial Hills holiday tradition which is greatly enjoyed by both our residents and those in the surrounding Worthington and Clintonville neighborhoods.

Luminary Assembly took place the week before with approximately 25 volunteers helping **Event Chair, Will Pearce**, package and deliver sets of 5 luminaries each (4200 luminaries total). The night of the event, approximately 35 residents met at the Shelter House to have Hot Coco and Cookies and oooh and ahhh over the display. Other residents were seen enjoying the display, strolling on the cold clear night with their dogs and other loved ones.



The Hills looked magical that night with many residents participating, lighting their displays. Especially looking down the **100th block of Selby which had 100% participation** on both sides of the street!

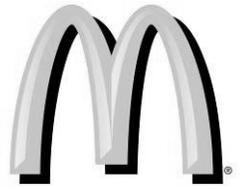
Photos **Top:**R.Dorothy- Park Overlook Blvd **Center:** G. Campbell Outside luminary assembly volunteers fill pea gravel into donated grocery bags **Bottom:** G. Campbell Indoor luminary assembly volunteers stuff paper bags and candles into ziplock bags

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Christmas Party Thank-you



The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday Dec. 12th at the Selby Park Shelter House with a visit from Santa Claus and the 45 plus children who got to decorate cookies, take turns at a Snowman Piñata and enjoy treats from McDonalds and Krogers.



Through the extraordinary efforts of the volunteers; **Emily Wallace (troop 1624), Keara Mayton, Selina Mamone and Charlie Carter** the party was a huge success and could not have been done without their involvement.

A special thanks to my **Co-Chair Robin Ogle and the families** who joined us for this annual tradition. Gratitude to the generosity of the Kroger Company at Graceland for the cookies and to McDonald's Restaurant on Wilson Bridge Road for the Orange Punch.

Having lived in this neighborhood for the past 40 years and been involved with the Colonial Hills Civic Association in their efforts to make our neighborhood a great place to raise a family, I have come to appreciate all they do for their neighbors and the children who live here. It has been my pleasure to volunteer for these events and



I encourage the new families to look into their schedule and see if they can volunteer their time to help keep this community a quality place to live.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Ogle,
Co- Chair of CHCA
Christmas Party



Photos: R Dorothy Top: Taking a swing at breaking the Piñata
Middle: Asking Santa if he's on the list this year
G.Campbell:Bottom: Crafting at the Party

Break in the Works

Residents of Colonial Hills know that water lines breaking are part of the seasonal changes throughout the neighborhood. I asked our City Engineer, William Watterson, about how the City responds to these breaks and the condition of other essential utilities. The following is his email response.

“The Colonial Hills sanitary sewage drainage area was part of the Southeast Sewershed Sanitary Sewer Study completed in 2009. The study identified a number of locations for sewer lining and and manhole repairs that will be included in repair and lining projects budgeted in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for 2011 and 2012. The study also isolated two areas in Colonial Hills recommended for additional I&I studies to determine the source of unusual wet weather flows identified during flow monitoring. These studies are budgeted in the CIP for 2011.

Waterline replacement projects are planned and included in the CIP when a supply or rusty water problem or an unusual break history is identified. There are currently no waterline replacement projects planned for Colonial Hills. Staff will review the break history with the City of Columbus, Division of Water to determine if any areas of unusual break history have developed and plan a project if appropriate.

Waterline repairs in Worthington are performed by the City of Columbus, Division of Water under a contract between the two Cities. Break repairs are prioritized and scheduled by the Division of Water based on their available staffing and the severity of active breaks throughout Columbus and the suburban communities they serve. Unfortunately, at times this can result in a more minor break being active for a longer period than may seem reasonable. Worthington Staff makes every effort to document each break that occurs in Worthington, maintain communication with Columbus concerning the repair schedule and follow up on restoration of the repair area.”

Please do not hesitate to call, if you would like any additional information regarding this topic.

William W. Watterson
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First Block Watch Meeting Wednesday January 12th, 7pm at Shelter House

Thank-you all who have already signed up and voiced your concerns about neighborhood issues. Those concerns have been compiled and given to the WPD to be addressed at this event. Please join me and our neighbors at the Selby Shelter House for the first meeting with Worthington Police Department Officer Tammy Floyd and our neighborhood.

Ofc. Floyd will lead a presentation and discussion about setting up a Neighborhood Network with the WPD and specific areas of concern within our neighborhood. The meeting will consist of a brief introduction, by Ofc. Floyd with a **focus on block watch tenants**, how to form a block watch and members responsibilities as well as what the police role is, noted neighborhood concerns and then questions. This gathering will be approximately an hour depending on the amount of questions and comments. Potential Captains and members are encouraged to attend scheduled meetings, assist the captain in providing input on issues important to their area, subscribe to the beliefs or tenants of block watch, report information and concerns and

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assist in maintaining and helping to grow their area. Most distribution of information from captains is through email in many block watch groups. Captains will be Ofc. Floyd's points of contact for distributing information related to the neighborhood to streamline phone calls and misinformation. After finalizing commitments of captains, Ofc. Floyd will coordinate sending out crime updates to the new Neighborhood Network.

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Campbell Reports on Adjacent Salem Civic Assoc. Meeting

Featured in the Dispatch, the Salem Community's December 21st gathering focused on residents' struggles with local heroin sales, use, and related graffiti and other associated crime. This neighborhood is directly east of Colonial Hills. Please join Colonial Hills Civic Association Group and read George Campbell's report of the meeting.

Getting to Know Our Neighbors

Probably the best way to get to know our neighbors is by bringing over food and chatting for awhile, but we don't always have a chance to do that. I encourage everyone to email, mail, or call your responses in and be featured in an upcoming Courier!



Matt Lehky (Loveman)

Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.

I met my wife, Lesley, while living in Cleveland, after graduating from Ohio State University with a journalism degree. Lesley is originally from Houston, Texas but wound up in Cleveland as part of her job.

In 2004, we moved to Las Vegas together and we married there in 2006. A year later, we started thinking about raising a family and knew Las Vegas was not the appropriate place. We moved to Colonial Hills in August 2007 and absolutely love the neighborhood. We are grateful to have found such a warm and friendly place to call home.

What life milestones have happened for you here?

We have had two children born while living in Colonial Hills. Our daughter, Elise Noel, was born July 21, 2008. Our son, Maxwell Ewing, was born on October 26, 2010.

Where will we most likely run into you around town?

During the warmer months, you will find us at Selby Park on the playground. Elise loves climbing and can almost make it up the climbing wall by herself. On colder days, we frequent the Firefly Play Café in Clintonville and the Polaris Mall.

What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?

I really enjoy seeing all leaves change color in the fall. With so many trees in the neighborhood, it is breathtaking to see all of the vibrant colors.



Tina Mayton (Kenbrook)

Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.

I came to Colonial Hills 15 years ago after separating from my ex-husband. I liked the neighborhood because it seemed to be very children friendly and I loved the Colonial Hills Elementary School. We moved from Worthington Estates. I also knew other single ladies that lived in the area and thought it would be a good support group. It has been a very positive environment being here in CH.

What life milestones have happened for you here?

I have really loved living and raising my children here. My kids have developed many good friendships.

Where will we most likely run into you around town?

I love to garden, spend lots of time in the backyard doing so, and hanging out with my dogs. I also love many of the events/merchants offered in Olde Worthington.

What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?

I love all the large, old trees in the area. It is so great when you are out walking, driving to see all of them, especially when the sun's rays are filtering through. There is not a better sight to me than that!!



Roy Gelin (Colonial Ave)

Tell us a little about you and your family and how & when you came to Colonial Hills.

My parents moved to Colonial Hills from Brooklyn NY when I was 1 year old. We lived in the Selby apartments until we moved to Loveman Ave in 1953. I went to Colonial Hills Elementary from 1958-1964, then Kilbourne Middle School and Worthington HS. We lived on Riverglen Dr for a while and before we moved to St Charles, Ill. where I finished high school. After marrying my wife Anne, we bought a house on Colonial Ave where we have been since 1989.

What life milestones have happened for you here?

All 3 of my kids, Eric, Casey and Sean were born while living on Colonial and they have all gone to the same schools I have, (pretty rare these days).

Where will we most likely run into you around town?

Mostly around home. I like to go to Scotties on weekends for my Latte or take the family to Graeters.

What's your favorite sight or memory in the neighborhood?

4th of July's were always special in Colonial Hills, but I especially like how little this neighborhood has changed over the years, and still seeing old friends that also grew up here.

Report a Good Neighbor

(a log of reported incidents – call or email 406-6391 rachaeldorothy@gmail.com to report an incident near your home)

12/1/10 in the 500th block of Meadoway Park lives a tremendous Lively, Interesting and Zealously warm and loving individual who has always been like a grandparent to our now-grown children and who tends to all of her neighbors, year in and year out, as if we are members of her family.

2010 Colonial Hills Civic Association Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

I am pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 Colonial Hills Holiday Decorating Contest. Our four judges have decided to remain anonymous (George Campbell had to stay home with the kids that night and did not serve as a judge).

The four judges were out from 7 pm until 9:45 pm on Thursday, December 16th, and had a hard time making their final decisions. They wanted to **offer honorable mention 528 Meadoway, 280 E. Selby and 337 E. Selby**, and noted with amusement the attempted bribe of a bottle of Bourbon that was left on the porch of 175 Kenbrook Drive. The winners selected will receive \$10 gift certificates to the Anthony Thomas Candy Store across from Graceland Shopping Center.

- Most Artistic: 396 Colonial (Reida)
- Most Illuminated - Griswold Award: 580 Park (Johnston)
- Most Original: 5631 Indianola (Zalenski)

- Best Home 1st: 511 Colonial (Edie)
- Best Home 2nd: 215 E. Selby Blvd. (Wessel)
- Best Home 3rd: 583 Loveman (Loas)

- Best Door 1: 484 Kenbrook (Stalter)
- Best Door 2: 318 E. Selby Blvd. (Scardina)
- Best Door 3: 444 Park Overlook (Mehlman)

Congratulations to our winners, thank you to our judges, and happy holidays to all. ~George Campbell



Redefining the Neighborhood

What an addition Kenbrook now has since this new second story was added to the street. Look out, now everyone's going to stop by that new porch and hang out for awhile!



Growing up looks easy from these photos!

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